

# Supporting survivors

University  
to raise  
awareness  
for sexual  
assault

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is meant to bring awareness to sexual violence and support victims.

Northwest organizations hosted numerous activities to highlight the importance of the month and what it stands for.

According to the National Institute of Justice, in 2016, 25 percent of women undergraduates were sexually assaulted while in college. And according to American College Health Association, 5 percent of women on college campuses experienced rape or attempted rape every year.

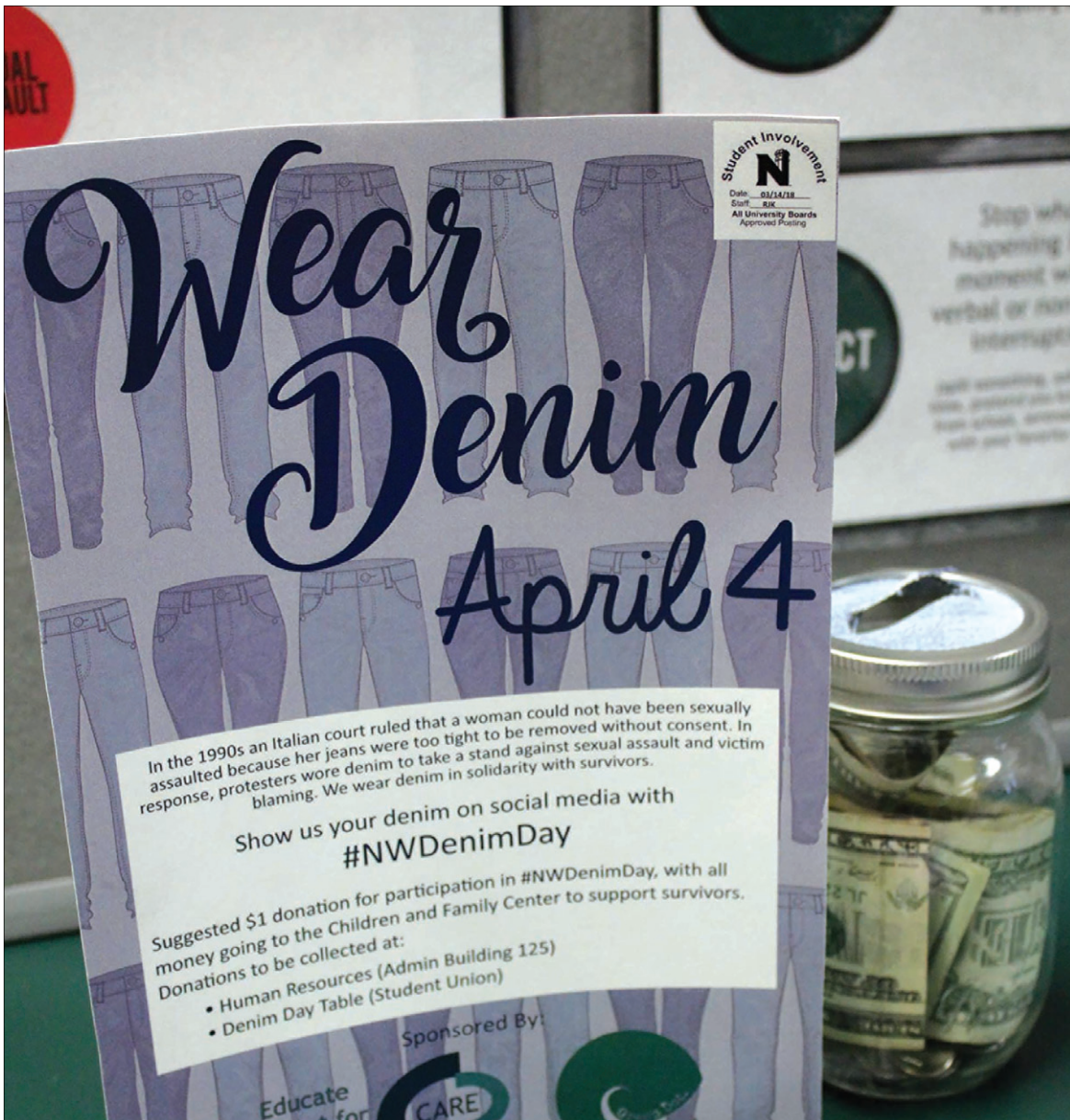
Violence Prevention Coordinator Danielle Koonce said this is one of the reasons Sexual Assault Awareness Month is especially important for college campuses.

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to increase the understanding of the experiences of survivors and, whenever possible, encourage people to step up and act against the perpetration of violence,” Koonce said. “This month is important because we continue to see unacceptable rates of violence on campuses and in communities everywhere.”

Northwest hosted different events all over campus in order to help promote awareness.

“Northwest is doing a lot with the help from offices all over campus,” Koonce said. “Green Dot and CARE (Concerned Advocates for Relationship Equality) sponsored #NWDenimDay, where we spoke out against victim blaming and sexual assault (and also raised the money for the Children and Family Center). IFC put on the Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event. Friday evening, we have a fabulous panel of survivors sharing their stories.”

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Campus organizations encouraged the Northwest community to participate in #NWDenimDay Wednesday, April 4 by wearing denim to help raise awareness for sexual assault.

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The simple act of wearing denim showed solidarity and support to survivors of sexual assault.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, as well as the Green Dot Program, sponsored Denim Day April 4.

Denim Day is an event spawned from a sexual assault case that happened in the 1990s.

An Italian woman was allegedly assaulted by her driving instructor, but upon appeal, the judge ruled the incident in question must have been consensual because the woman's jeans were tight, therefore she must have helped her assailant remove them. When the women in the Italian Parliament heard the ruling in the case, they were outraged by “victim blaming mentality” and wore denim to work in solidarity with the survivor.

Danielle Koonce, the Violence Prevention and Green Dot coordinator said victim blaming is an issue we are still dealing with today.

“We still see victim blaming today, and we continue Denim Day to show support to survivors and to let everyone know we don't tolerate violence or victim blaming,” Koonce said.

Koonce and the Concerned Advocates for Relationship Equality (CARE), hosted an info table this week, and raised money for the Children and Family Center to help those who are struggling to make ends meet. The whole month is a collaboration between CARE and Koonce to create events for students, as well as staff members.

“Green Dot and CARE worked together to make sure Human Resources was in support and willing to serve as a donation location,” Koonce said. “Then we spread the word on campus by sending information out to faculty, staff and students via email and social media.”

David Anzures, a junior human services major, is glad that the Green Dot program is creating a space where these issues are being discussed.

“I'm glad Northwest has the privilege and opportunity of having this amazing program and also the ability to hire someone who specifically works on issues directly related to sexual violence,” Anzures said. “Green Dot does an amazing job in stopping sexual assault/violence before it even gets to happen through discussion, training sessions and programming to raise awareness and effectively prevent sexual violence in the future.”

Koonce wants students and staff to realize this is more than just spreading awareness about sexual assault.

“I want people to know that we're asking them to go a little beyond only ‘awareness,’” Koonce said. “We're asking them to act when they see something concerning, when they see something that gives them a gut feeling something might be wrong.”

Anzures believes Denim Day is a great way to start a conversation with the community.

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## College Republicans welcome Missouri senator to Northwest

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Tony Monetti visited Northwest Monday evening to gain support for his U.S. Senate campaign.

Monetti spoke to members of College Republicans about his life, stances on political issues and answered questions from attendees.

Monetti served in the Air Force for 20 years and flew a B-52 bomber during Operation Desert Storm. He and his wife then started and ran an Italian restaurant before he was requested by the Air Force to return to active duty. He served three years as the 13th Bomb Squadron's operations director before retiring from the Air

Force and accepting the position of assistant dean of aviation at the University of Central Missouri.

This is Monetti's first time running for public office. His campaign advocates against career politicians, and if elected, he promises to support congressional term limits.

“It is clear that timing is everything,” Monetti said. “Right now, the best thing that I got going for me is that I'm not a career politician. Most people I speak with say, ‘So you're not part of the problem; you're not part of the swamp.’ I've served my country, I've run a business, started a nonprofit, been in academia, and that's called leadership. I have real world experi-

ence, and this is my moment in time.”

Monetti supports the Trump administration and said having businessmen in government will help to “clear out the swamp” and balance the country's finances. Another pillar of his campaign is decreasing the national debt.

“My mission is clear: Missouri first, America always,” Monetti said.



TONY MONETTI

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## Changes coming to Missouri Hope in 2019

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Missouri Hope will change from a domestic scenario to an international scenario for the disaster relief exercise this fall.

Missouri Hope is an annual collaboration between Northwest's Emergency and Disaster Management program and local and state emergency response resources to simulate an emergency or disaster to train students in necessary emergency response skills.

Traditionally, the disaster scenario is a tornado in Missouri, but Missouri Hope exercise Director John Carr said the focus will be shifted this year.

“Missouri Hope will be changing the scenario to an international scenario, focused on the international humanitarian response of a non-profit,” Carr said. “The major functions will be similar, but with a greater emphasis on nego-

tiations, cultural awareness and peacebuilding.”

Throughout the exercise, there will also be opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills, as well as learning medical operations, mass casualty response, overwater rescue, water treatment and sanitation, search and rescue and radio operation skills.

Although the scenario will change, Carr said the number of participants will remain the same: about 60 participants, 130 staff and 300 role-players.

Carr said the change in the exercise came from a desire to diversify students' experiences.

“We are acting with Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida, to rotate this exercise between our two locations,” Carr said.

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Missouri Hope is in the process of changing from its typical tornado scenario to a more international scenario with an emphasis on cultural awareness and peace building.

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# Maryville City Council welcomes new leadership

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Maryville City Council swore in two recently elected city council members April 10.

Matt Johnson will be serving his first term after receiving 448 votes in the Maryville election April 3. Jason McDowell will be serving his second term as a council member; he received 371 votes in the election.

Johnson is a senior history instructor at Northwest. Johnson has been a volunteer firefighter for Maryville for six years and said running for a city council seat “seemed like a natural progression.”

“I view it as an extension of my desire to serve my city in which I live,” Johnson said. “I care about what happens here. Being a citizen of Maryville is not just about having the rights that go along with that, you also have responsibilities. In our system, if people don’t participate, it doesn’t function correctly.”

Johnson said he has two main goals while serving his term on city council. He wants to make sure the Maryville Public Safety Facility project is done correctly the first time, with the future in mind.

Johnson said he also wants to unite Maryville with Northwest’s student population to stress the idea of profession-based learning.

“It (students) will provide a benefit to the city in that we’re using them in a sense because they’re free labor,” Johnson said. “At the same time benefiting students because they’re getting real-



Recently elected incumbent Jason McDowell (left) and Northwest professor Matt Johnson (right) take an oath of office at Monday’s city council meeting.

world experience.”

City Manager Greg McDanel said he looks forward to working with Johnson.

“Matt Johnson was also elected to a three-year term and brings

a new and welcomed perspective to the group,” McDanel said. “Matt serves as a volunteer firefighter, and should be instrumental in leading projects, such as the new Maryville Public Safety Facility.”

McDowell is the principal at Northeast Nodaway R-V. McDowell will be starting his second term on city council, he served as mayor for the past two years.

“I am excited to serve the City of Maryville for a second term as a member of the city council,” McDowell said. “I’m looking forward to seeing some of the current city projects through to completion.”

McDanel said the city council is looking forward to working with McDowell for another three years.

“His leadership was crucial on several tax initiatives as well as transformative projects, like the Conference Center,” McDanel said.

Maryville City Council unanimously appointed Rachael Martin as mayor and Benjamin Lipiec as

mayor pro-tem Tuesday during the council’s regular meeting.

Martin succeeds former mayor McDowell. McDanel said he is excited for Martin and Lipiec’s leadership positions.

“Rachael has been mayor pro-tem for two years, and she is excited to lead us as mayor and continue the recent progress of the community,” McDanel said. “Ben will likely serve as mayor at some point in his term, and mayor pro-tem will provide good experience.”

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Green Dot Week is raising awareness of violence and the Green Dot organization with events throughout the week of April 9-13.

Green Dot is a violence prevention organization on campus that educates and advocates for bystander intervention.

Northwest’s violence prevention coordinator Danielle Koonce emphasized the importance of educating bystanders.

“We tend to forget that, as bystanders, we have a lot of power to change the situations we see, just by doing something small,” Koonce said. “Green Dot is about getting people to think about realistic ways that they can intervene to help stop violence in their community.”

It is an evidence-based program and an organization that is present throughout the nation.

A Snapchat contest is being held all week. Anyone who sends a Snapchat to @NWGreenDot, explaining why they care about violence prevention, is entered to win

a Starbucks gift card.

Green Dot hosted a luncheon to teach faculty and staff how to better support bystander intervention April 9. Koonce said the lunch created a good foundation with faculty and staff, and was host to a bounty of good conversation.

Wednesday, a Concerned Advocates for Relationship Equality (CARE) Organization Social was held in the Union. It provided an opportunity for students to meet the members of the organization and find out how they can get involved with that cause.

Green Dot Week will culminate with Green Dot Student Certification Saturday afternoon in the Union Ballroom. The certification class trains students how to interrupt violence as a bystander. 20 to 30 people are expected to attend.

“Most of the training is conversation, activities and people thinking about their barriers and intervening in situations... We all have barriers as bystanders and moments we have not been able to do something, even when we wanted to,” Koonce said. “Green Dot is really about trying to reduce those barriers and trying to give people real, honest, actual things

that work for them.”

Senior emergency disaster management major Bonnie Butler said everyone should undergo Green Dot training.


“It was a good idea to learn how to be a friend, instead of a bystander, and to take that training so you know how to take action and help people that need you to,” Butler said. “It really enforces how acting on someone’s behalf and for something that’s going to help them is always good, and okay, and should be done regardless of if no one else is doing anything. You’re that person that’s supposed to do something.”

The week as a whole is one way Green Dot hopes to push both faculty and students to action in concerning situations.


“It (the purpose of Green Dot Week) is to raise awareness about the program overall, to get people to think about their role as a bystander and why they care about violence prevention and bystander intervention,” Koonce said. “It’s about moving from awareness to action.”

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Dance caller Jerome Grisanti leads a dance with Victoria Garrett during an Evening of English Country Dancing hosted by the Northwest Department of Language, Literature and Writing Friday in the Horace Mann Laboratory School gymnasium.

# Students experience old English culture, traditional social dance

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The spirit of Jane Austen swayed and swung through the Horace Mann gymnasium April 6, as instructor Jerome Grisanti lead students and community members through an evening of English country dancing.

With the help of instructor Grisanti, Language, Literature and Writing Graduate Coordinate Jenny Rytting hosted the first English country dancing class as a project for a Jane Austen and Her Literary Sisters course in 2010.

“I was excited teach the class,” Rytting said. “Jerome... showed up at my office door and said, ‘Would you like to have a Jane Austen dance,’ and I said, ‘Sure, that sounds fun,’ and that was the first one.”

The traditional social dancing of the British Isle is an experience of sharing a type of physical language based on connection.

Rytting explained the hidden language with the country dancing.

“English country dancing was way before Jane Austen’s day. These dances were passed on and about of a cultural tradition,” Rytting said. “There’s a lot more interaction with other couples. You’re not only turning with your partner, you’re also turning with your neighbor.”

Hands grasped firmly together, the group learned about the true meaning of connection by demonstrating a push and pull technique that forms the foundation of the dance. As students combined a series of learned steps, it was easy to recognize each movement.

“To hear some of the names of the dances, people learn them and the steps and the music that goes with them,” Rytting said. “Another way to experience it is to watch it, and when I watch the movies, I can pick out the dances I’ve learned.”

The freedom of space between partners and the syncopated steps, combined with a rhythmic and

flighty beat, creates room for conversation between each dancer and their partner.

“They’re dancing, but they’re sort of having a conversation at the same time,” Rytting said referring to characters Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth of novel “Pride and Prejudice.”

The characters familiarity with the dance made conversation easy and light through their movements.

“You can imagine that there are these periods where they are standing across from each other, then take each other by the hand, but they know the dance and able to talk,” Rytting said.

As dancing is an important part of Jane Austen’s novels, the teaching of English country dancing has provided an interactive understanding of the characters and the lifestyle from the British literature novels.

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# Colden Hall closing this summer for window repairs

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Colden Hall will be closed to non-faculty this summer to replace windows and window shades.

Vice President of Capital Projects and Facility Services Allen Mays said the \$1.3 million Colden Hall project comes from a \$6.8 million deferred maintenance budget.

“Colden Hall is a building we received some deferred maintenance monies from the state of Missouri to actually do some deferred maintenance work,” Mays said.

The task is to replace all the windows and windows shades in Colden Hall. Mays says the current windows are no longer ideal.

“The actual windows systems themselves have failed,” Mays said. “Gaskets and certain components of the windows have just failed. We’ve got water infiltration as well.”

Because of the windows being replaced, classes will not be able to be held in Colden Hall during the summer trimester. Classes that would be held in Colden Hall have been relocated throughout campus. Mays said the University was careful to make sure both academic needs and the maintenance are being met.

“We work very closely with (academic personal) for the past month to month and a half to put together a schedule that allows us to work in that building,” Mays said.

For professors like Wayne Chandler, the summer time is ideal for this type of work to be done. Chandler said for the few times his classes will meet in class, not using Colden Hall should not be an issue.

“(For) the in-class sessions, as long as wherever we go to has wireless internet hookup in the classroom, we should be okay,” Chandler said.

Chandler also welcomes continued maintenance on issues like these.

“I’m glad that I work at a school that, even if it takes a while for things to get done, they eventually do seem to get done,” Chandler said.

Once replaced, the new windows will be significantly better.

“The window specifications we put together is a very efficient window,” Mays said. “We anticipate a significant savings on energy.”

Colden Hall is not the only building getting its windows replaced. Mays said Brown Hall will also have its windows replaced. The window replacements are part of 12 projects Mays has part of the deferred maintenance money the state of Missouri handed out.

Last week, when Lt. Gov. Mike Parson spoke at Northwest, he explained why Missouri felt it was necessary to budget these funds.


“(Deferred maintenance) was for things that the state had put off and put off and put off to where it was becoming critical,” Parson said.

Mays said while the money was helpful, he estimates it covers less than 10 percent of what needs to be done. Mays, however, also said it is manageable.

“I’m not sure any state institution has zero deferred maintenance,” Mays said.

Mays hopes to have all 12 projects completed by 2019. Colden Hall will be open for classes in August.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

# Common core needs agriculture

BY: RYAN TALKINGTON

“Agriculture...is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness.” Thomas Jefferson said this speaking to George Washington on Aug. 14, 1787.

Common knowledge in agriculture is as important as any. I believe that students on this campus would benefit greatly from a general agricultural science class. This class would educate them on where their food comes from, how it is safe and how agriculture impacts them.

There is a lot of negativity surrounding the industry of agriculture, and this class could separate fact from fiction. Over the past 20 or so years, agriculturalists as a whole have failed to educate the public on where their food comes from. This class would be the answer to that problem.

swers to that problem.

Agriculture is a very important industry to the United States. According to the USDA, “Agriculture, food, and related industries contributed \$992 billion to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) in 2015.”

Only 2 percent of the U.S. are farmers, so 2 percent of the population feeds the other 98 percent. Agriculture is everywhere from the clothes on your back to the food on your plate.

Somehow, some way, everything is connected to agriculture. In my mind, this class would focus on this importance and expand the students’ knowledge on this great industry.

A huge problem that the ag industry is facing is the misconceptions and communication between the producer and the consumer. This most common miscon-

ceptions are coming from companies that prey on the fact that Americans are not necessarily the most educated when it comes to agriculture. Therefore, the general public is easily convinced by these falsities.

For example, the most common ones are that non GMO products are safer than GMO products, or animal agriculture is inhumane. Every time I see a Chipotle commercial bashing agriculture, it infuriates me being an advocate for this industry.

The fact that companies just like this one have such a huge audience that doesn’t know any different is infuriating and terrifying at the same time. The world needs to know that there is little to no factorial evidence behind this mainstream propaganda.

Now, some people are going to say that they don’t want this in the

core because it doesn’t pertain to their major.

My major is agricultural education, now hear me out. I am required to take classes such as theatre appreciation, enjoyment of music or art appreciation. Do you think that those classes pertain to my major? How about a western experience or a global experience?

I don’t think that brushing up on my Shakespeare or Bach is going to have a significant impact on us as a person, but a general agriculture course that would educate us on where our food comes from, and combats some common misconceptions surrounding agriculture could have a very profound effect on this university and its graduates.

In this Northwest core class, students would learn where their food comes from, how it is safe and how the agriculture industry

impacts their own personal lives.

They will touch basis on the importance of the farmers and farms in the industry, and what they do to put food on their plates and clothes on their backs. Along with this, they will also go over the biggest problem facing American agriculture today: misconceptions and poor communication between the producer and the consumer.

Lastly, students need to come with an open mind when coming into an agriculture class because I, as an agricultural education major, have to take some courses that do not pertain to my major, but this agriculture class will be different.

Students that come in with an open mind will not only learn how agriculture impacts their own lives, but they will also take away new information that they learned from the class and become advocates for agriculture themselves.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

# Migrant’s dilemma

## Current immigration policies are ineffective, need reform

BY: HENRY WITHINGTON

In my time, I have noticed that people in the United States have little to no empathy for displaced families and far less support in advocating for survival of them. According to U.N. Refugee Center, “An unprecedented 65.6 million people around the world have been forced from home.” For this reason, I believe we have to be more committed to correcting our volatile history because as of now, the world is experiencing its highest displacement levels on record.

I am from a lineage of a displaced family. My mother and her family came from Vietnam to America to escape persecution for political reasons. My mother could not tell me in depth why due to being a child at the time, but my grandmother could. She said, “We would’ve been shot on the spot or sent to labor camps because our family was in the military.

My brother was a colonel; they hunted him down after the war, and he was shot somewhere in the jungle because he refused to come to an unfair trial.” Thus, I feel it is a significant motive to concern myself with displaced families in an empathetic way because of my past.

The backdrop for most displaced families is escaping from countries in turmoil. Across the globe, fifty-five percent of displaced families worldwide came from three countries: Afghanistan, Syria and Southern Sudan. Right now, over 50 percent of the families are in host states in the Middle East and Africa. Primarily, the largest host states is Turkey with 2.9 million and Pakistan with 1 million. Notably, Ai WeiWei, a political advocate has made a film called “Human Flow,” covering most hot zones that cover refugee experiences.

He states during an interview, “During two years of filming, we travelled to 23 nations and 40 refugee camps. Some of the camps are relatively new, coping with those who have fled from the war in Syria. Other camps – such as the Ain al-Hilweh camp in Lebanon – have existed for decades and have now sheltered three generations of refugees.”

Considering the large-scale efforts of time and resources to sustain survivability has been an increasing significant occurrence repeatedly. The issue for displaced families is a colossal global issue, and it should affect Americans,

yet these circumstances have not changed influences from Americans who harbor an already indifferent relationship for displaced families.

Consequently, America has backed away from the role of global protector of freedom by building walls and creating a sense of irrational paranoia long before the travel bans implemented by the Trump administration. However, the status quo of the travel bans direct primarily toward displaced families, most who are originally from countries that contain radical Islam in coiled political conflicts... Although this correlation should not be a causation for preventative measures.

Point in fact, Kathleen Newland of the Migration Policy Institute came to a similar conclusion in 2015, when she looked at the number of terrorism-related prosecutions involving refugees since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. “No one in the U.S. has been killed in a terrorist incident by a resettled refugee since Sept. 11,” according to Newland. It is then reasonable to claim that giving into escalating safety measures is not the righteous course when dealing with displaced families.

Equally, the urgency for displaced families is critical. Nearly 20 people are forcibly displaced every minute as a result of conflict or persecution.

Applying this statistic rate to our school in a closed scenario, it would estimate to about five and half hours to clear Northwest of roughly 6,800 students, not including faculty. Alarming, that is less... than a normal eight-hour workday. The scenario highlights the unshakeable fact it takes less than a day to clear out a community such as ours.

Given these points, I would strongly advocate the U.S. change its perspective.

The humane action would be a least to care instead of turning an eye. Displaced families need the extra support because their situation is always critical.

“In nature, there are two approaches to dealing with flooding,” WeiWei said. “One is to build a dam to stop the flow. The other is to find the right path to allow the flow to continue.”

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COLIN VAUGHAN

OUR VIEW:

# Solution to on campus sexual violence lies in awareness

Without the help of campus organizations like Green Dot and its awareness weeks, sexual violence wouldn’t get the attention it deserves.

Green Dot, an organization laser focused on combating sexual violence, is a group most should be familiar with by now.

Many may have seen the noticeable green logo around campus or heard of friends going to “Green Dot Bystander Certification” training. More than 150 students have been Green Dot certified at Northwest alone and, while Green Dot began on college campuses, it has expanded to high schools and other communities as well.

The subtleties of Green Dot are what set the organization apart from the rest, as most of the progress Green Dot makes is made in the background. Being Green Dot certified is effective and easy.

Even if becoming Green Dot certified doesn’t seem to be up someone’s alley, there is a laundry list of other more compact movements on campus where students can get involved: Denim Day, the Clothesline Project, CARE and Karen Hawkins Week are all on-campus opportunities to get involved.

A “green dot,” according to Green Dot’s Northwest web page, is “any behavior, choice, word or attitude that sends the message that violence is not okay with you.”

Bearcats have a responsibility to take the opportunity presented by sexual assault awareness month and run with it.

Social movements like #MeToo are paving the way for victims to step forward without fear of persecution, so now it is up to those who are involved in their communities, like those who are Green Dot certified, to make these same changes at the local level.

Students need to join in on the movement in order to keep the momentum up. If everyone was Green Dot certified, even if each person only contributed with one act of kindness or support, Northwest would be a safer campus.

These smaller outcries of support are tangible and effective, and there is research to back this up.

A study pointed out by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found the presence of Green Dot activity on college campuses was directly associated with reductions in unwanted sexual victimization and sexual harassment, stalking and dating violence victimization. Even high schools with a Green Dot group have been proven to see a decrease in sexual violence.

The issue is simply that not enough people know how prevalent cases of sexual violence are in their community, so an in-your-face method of showing support where it is needed brings sexual

violence out of the dark.

Green dots exist in order to cancel out or prevent the “red dots” caused by moments of sexual violence. Again, #MeToo shows these red dots exist, but green dots are the examples of a reactionary culture that is unwilling to accept that violence is a necessary evil. The more green dots out making some sort of a difference, the less likely someone else on campus experiences a red dot.

Just last February, the Missourian reported on a sudden increase in instances of dating violence in Maryville. There were three cases of dating violence reported in just a 10-day period, and these are only the times where someone decided to report the issue in the first place.

Acting now can at least discourage any kind of spike in dating violence from cropping up again. Maybe the Missourian’s coverage of an increase in dating violence wouldn’t even have been needed if there was enough awareness on campus.

If getting involved is too much to handle, then there still needs to be a wakeup call. Being involved, reacting or doing anything to combat sexual violence in any sense is simple and can be accomplished by anyone.

We can no longer just be bystanders, we need to do something while we have the chance.

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# Greek Life walks for awareness

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Paired with a flashy set of red high heels, the students of Greek Life walked a mile both spectators and participants would remember. The Interfraternity Council (IFC) hosted the “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” event, which was similar to the international men’s march “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” April 4 at 5:30 p.m. Students paid 10 dollars a person to participate. All proceeds from the event benefit the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri. The goal for those who joined the walk was to wear women’s high heels for a mile around campus in hopes of raising awareness for and help prevent domestic violence. There were 45 students who participated in the walk.

Victim advocate and staff member of Children and Family Center Meghann Kosman spoke to everyone who attended before the walk began. “You’re walking on behalf of someone who has been told since childhood that they’re worthless and that they’ll never amount to anything,” Kosman said in her speech. “You guys are walking on behalf of someone who has been beaten up by their partner. A partner is someone that we’re supposed to be able to trust and to love, and when you’re in a domestic violence situation, all that is a complete betrayal because it’s abusive.” Kosman continued her passionate speech, addressing the

many who have been or are in domestic violence relationships with each sentence beginning with the same phrase. “You guys are walking on behalf of all of those things and the countless and the faceless stories that I haven’t mentioned,” Kosman said. “This walk was never meant to be walked alone by anybody. Imagine what walking in a crowd can do, and what kind of message that sends.” The continual help and support from Greek Life for victims of domestic violence is a huge step towards educating people and raising more awareness. Vice President of Philanthropy of IFC Joe Suchan said he thinks this event helps show support, not only as an organization, but as a community. “I think this event particularly can show the impact in our own community since it’s going towards a local Children and Family Center,” Suchan said. This year, the route changed so the participants had to walk through the Student Union. “We decided to go through the Union this year, just so we could show it off to more people,” Suchan said. “The Chick-Fil-A people kind of gave us a ‘what’s going on?’ but it’s nice to kind of show it off and raise awareness. Kind of get people interested, saying, ‘what are all these guys wearing heels about?’”

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Alpha Gamma Rho members lead the pack at the Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event sponsored by the Interfraternity Council Wednesday, April 4.

## Blotters for the week of April 12

### Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

**March 29**  
There were two closed investigations for liquor law violations at Perrin Hall.

### Maryville Public Safety

**March 28**  
There is an ongoing investigation for failure to return property at the 2200 block of South Main Street.

**March 30**  
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 1400 block of County Club Road.

A summons was issued to **Colin Applegate**, 24, for equipment violation at the 100 block of West First Street.

A summons was issued to **Jeffrey Walters**, 19, from Liberty, Missouri, for minor in possession and possession of a fake

**March 30**  
There were two closed investigations for liquor law violations at Millikan Hall.

**April 5**  
A summons was issued to **Shea Schrader**, 18, for zero tolerance

I.D. at the 300 block of North Main Street.

**April 4**  
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 600 block of East Fourth Street.

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A summons was issued to **Kyle Miller**, for driving while suspended and equipment violation at the 500 block of North Main Street.

**April 5**  
A summons was issued to **Emily Stratham**, 19, from Wetmore, Kansas, for minor in possession at the 300 block of West Seventh Street.

at College Park Drive.  
**April 8**  
There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at West Halsey Street.

A summons was issued to **Colton Orcutt**, 22, from Bethany, Missouri, for domestic assault at the 200 block of Volunteer Avenue.

**April 6**  
A summons was issued to **Todd Muell**, 22, from Panama, Iowa, from disorderly conduct at the 300 block of North Market Street.

**April 7**  
A summons was issued to **Braiden Sells**, 17, for not having a valid driver’s license and speeding at Horsepower Drive.

A credit card was recovered at the 400 block of North Main Street.

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Student Senate donated \$1,250 to Sigma Tau Gamma Grand Conclave.

Student Senate donated \$650 to Nepalese Student Organization End of the Year Celebration.

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**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
A solid week is ahead for you, Aries. However, some surprises can pop up on a day when you need a little extra sunshine in the routine. Embrace the unexpected.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, your relations with authority figures are very good right now. Do your best to maintain this both in the short- and long-term. You will benefit from having done so.

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, a surprise invitation may come your way this week. You aren’t sure if you have the time or the gumption to accept at this point. But give ample thought to accepting.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, even though you may want to spend time at home — and maybe make a cocoon under the covers — there are some things you need to face if you are going to move forward.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you are full of clever ideas that you are eager to share with coworkers and people at home. Pace yourself so you don’t overwhelm others with information.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, an opportunity to earn more money will catch your eye this week. Even if it seems a little risky, it could be well worth pursuing.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
This can be a fun-loving week for you, Libra, if you embrace the opportunities for letting loose. You may feel impulsive, and that’s okay in moderation.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, home repairs and renovations are on the brain. You are ready to pour your energy into changing your home spaces for the better. Start making an idea board.

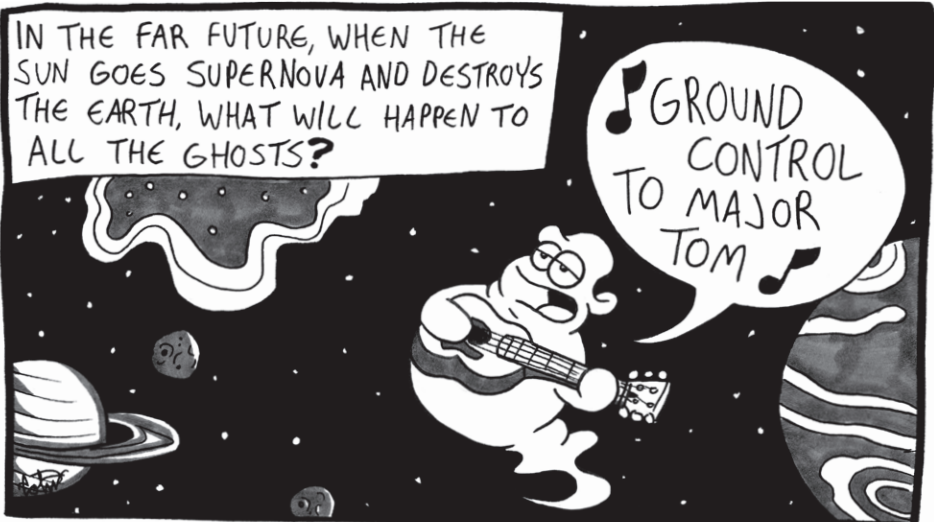
**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, a very fast-paced week is ahead. The good news is that any related unpleasantness will move by quickly, and you can focus on enjoying the fun parts.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, work relationships can be unpredictable, which means you may need to reevaluate your approach. A change in tone or direction may be all that’s needed.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, travel plans can change on a dime, but you are adaptable. It’s not the destination, but the journey. Take someone along for the ride.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pay close attention to your bank account, Pisces. Financial surprises might be something to look out for in the near future.

Paranormal Inactivity



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PET OF THE WEEK

Louis The Rock

Age: 1.3 Billion Years      Fluff Factor: -3/10

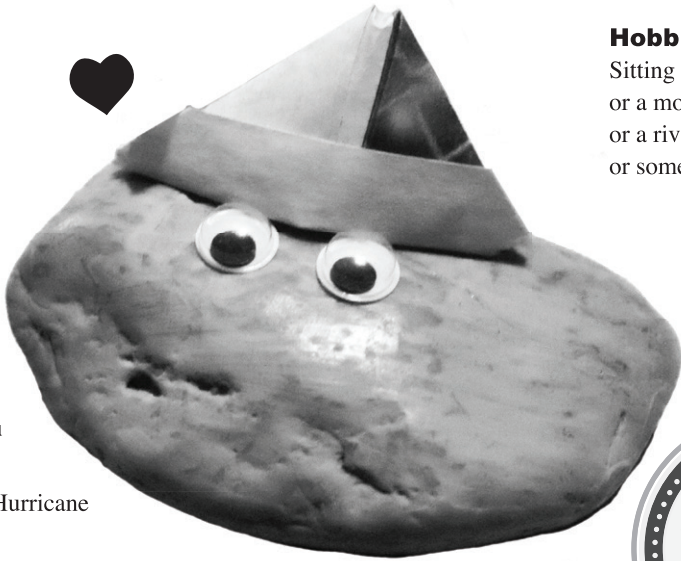
**Likes:**  
Vengeance  
Metal Music  
Animal Shelters

**Disikes:**  
Water  
Jackhammers  
Other Rocks

**Playlist:**  
We Will Rock You  
- Queen  
Rock You Like a Hurricane  
- Scorpions  
Rock and Roll all Nite  
- KISS  
Let There Be Rock  
- AC/DC

**Dream:**  
To One Day Grow Legs

**Hobbies:**  
Sitting on the beach...  
or a mountain...  
or a riverbed...  
or some tasteful landscaping.



LAST WEEK’S SOLUTIONS

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CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Upon
- 4. Roman Statesman
- 8. A protective covering worn over the face
- 10. Perfected
- 11. British school
- 12. Colored with red powder
- 13. Tivoli
- 15. What bowlers hope to knock down
- 16. Finnish lake
- 17. Damaged regions of tissue
- 18. World-renowned guitarist
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Oxygen reduction system
- 23. Part of a circle
- 24. Italian monk’s title
- 25. Kidney problem (abbr.)
- 26. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 27. Home to a world famous bay
- 34. Mollusk
- 35. Large nest of a bird of prey
- 36. Predict
- 37. Reconnaissance
- 38. Move in a particular direction
- 39. Cut with a tool
- 40. True firs
- 41. Heaven’s opposite
- 42. Employed
- 43. “Partridge Family” actress Susan

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Induces vomiting
- 2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture
- 3. Meteorological line
- 4. Help shoppers save money
- 5. Heart condition
- 6. What tweens become
- 7. \_\_\_ and ends
- 9. Small knob
- 10. Island capital
- 12. Refinisher
- 14. Brazilian city
- 15. Pearl Jam’s debut
- 17. Resinous substance of an insect
- 19. Stretched out
- 20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 23. Reference works
- 24. Hoover’s office
- 25. Confused
- 26. The Science Guy
- 27. A young woman
- 28. Used to express good wishes
- 29. Body part
- 30. Draw blood
- 31. Curved
- 32. \_\_\_ Kidman, actress
- 33. Profoundly
- 34. Fools
- 36. Wife (German)

MARYVILLE WEATHER FORECAST

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JOHN GALLAHER | SUBMITTED  
“In Red” (left) and “Spaceman in Green” (right) are two of John Gallaher’s many collages. Alongside writing, collages are another way John Gallaher chooses to express himself.



“Why not love pictures? Each time they come back, they come back in exactly the same way, and sometimes quite unexpectedly from a box. What’s not to love about that?”  
-”In a Landscape”

## John Gallaher

### Northwest teacher collects memories

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John Gallaher can usually be found down in the Green Tower Press office, surrounded by a sprawling mess of old copies of the “Laurel Review,” copies of his poetry book “In a Landscape” and his collage work.

John Gallaher’s fourth published book of poems, “In a Landscape,” acted as more memoir piece and featured aspects of his life in Maryville. He prefers to write in a way that doesn’t put distance between him as a poet and him as the narrator.

John Gallaher discovered his love of words in a high school AP English class.

“I always enjoyed my creative writing class,” John Gallaher said.

John Gallaher originally went to Texas State University to study journalism, specifically broadcast journalism.

“In the 1980s, we had a different view on picking majors than we do now,” John Gallaher said. “I don’t know if it’s the same, but back then, it was you went to college, took some classes and then you picked your major.”

John Gallaher chose journalism for one reason: his love of writing.

“In college, I really liked my philosophy courses, my history courses, but in the end, I chose journalism because I loved to write.”

Much like other aspects of his life, John Gallaher wanted to bring humor to television.

“You know, I really like those warm and fuzzies

that come on after the news about a funny event or about a person. I wanted to do that,” John Gallaher said. “I wanted to do funny and cultural commentary. I didn’t want to do political commentary, but I suppose cultural commentary could be political.”

However, when looking at graduate schools, John Gallaher found a creative writing program.

“I was like ‘Well, I really liked my creative writing class, so yeah I’ll jump into that.’ Since it was a new program, the only requirement was you have a heartbeat,” John Gallaher said.

It was from there his love of poetry seemed to blossom. He is influenced by poets such as E.E. Cummings, Wallace Stevens and John Ashbery. He appreciates the more prose and lyrical style, which reflects his outgoing personality.

His wife, Robin Gallaher, is also a professor at Northwest. However, her writing style is different than her husband’s.

“I’m fascinated by it,” his wife, Robin Gallaher said. “It’s something I can’t do. I’m always intrigued by where he’s going next.”

John Gallaher is also a collage artist. He cuts out pictures from magazines to create a new work of art.

“Lately, he’s been working on these collages, which is not writing or it is depending how you look at it,” Robin Gallaher said.

Much like a collage, John Gallaher’s identity is more than

poet and collage artist. He is also a husband and a father.

He met Robin Gallaher while in college.

“We met at Texas State University....we were both students,” Robin Gallaher said. “Well, I say students; he was a grad student, and I was an undergrad. We had a class together. It was one of those level 500 classes, so it was a mix of both.”

John and Robin have been together since the late 1990s.

“We’ve been together a long time,” Robin Gallaher said. “Of course, there are people who have been together longer, but we got married back in 1999. So there are lots and lots of great memories. I don’t really have a favorite memory with John. It’s more about a collection of memories.”

These focus in on John’s role as a son-in-law and father.

“Of course, there is our wedding day, which is really important,” Robin Gallaher said. “I also think about the times he’s with my family. Seeing him interact with my mom and having fun with her silly conversations they’ve had. He’s a great dad, so whatever role he has with the kids, like making them breakfast the way they want or dealing with a bigger issue is what I think about.”

John Gallaher also advises the Green Tower Press, which produces “The Laurel Review” twice a calendar year, with his friend and colleague Luke Rolfes.

“I met John about nine years ago,” Rolfes said. “I was a new faculty member and

pretty scared since I was young and it was my first job. I was debating on bringing my family to the new faculty picnic, and he said, ‘I’m bringing my wife,’ but of course, his wife works here. It just made me feel a little more at ease.”

John Gallaher brought Rolfes on to the Green Tower Press.

“He’s more of the veteran, and I’m still kind of the rookie,” Rolfes said.

The writing world is often full of rejection, and since Northwest students also help produce “The Laurel Review,” the two have their own way of helping students through revision and rewriting.

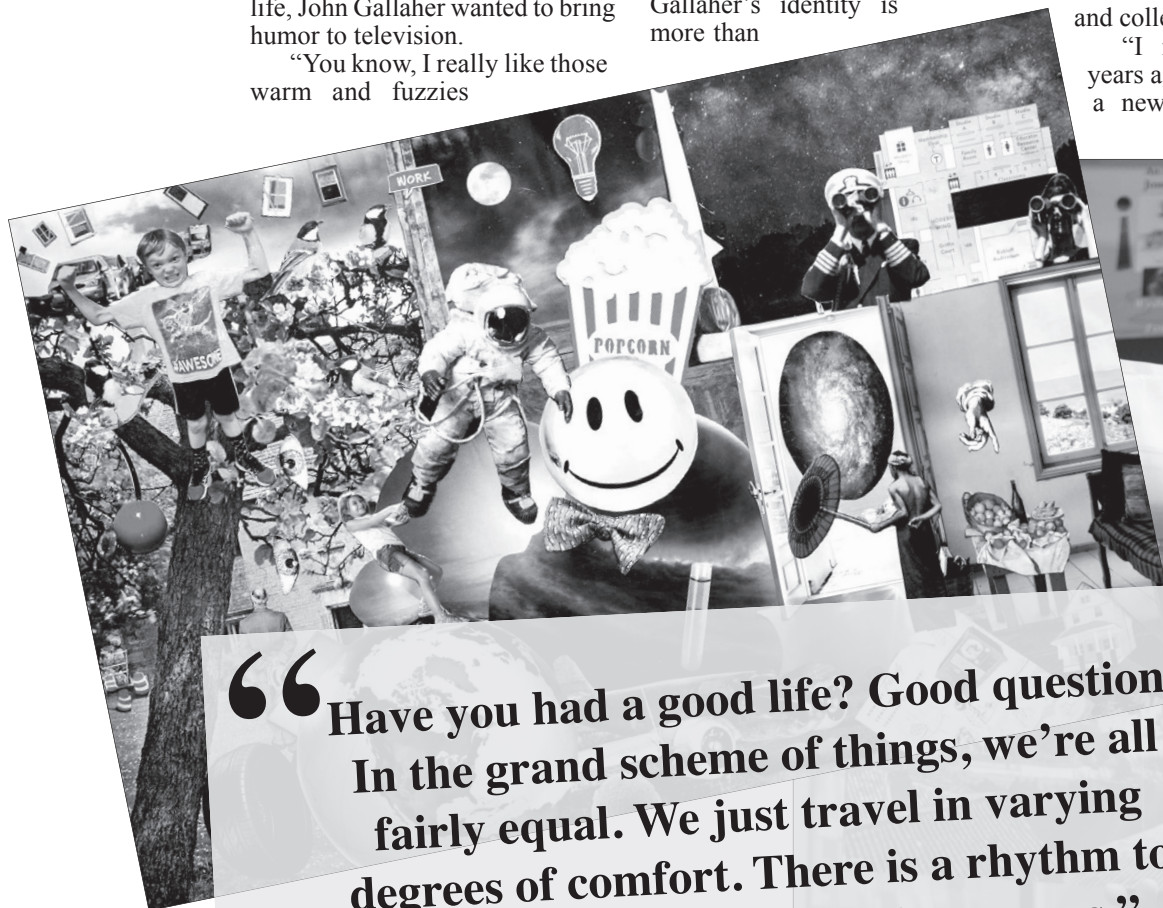
“I usually walk people through the process,” Rolfes said. “John usually cracks a joke to make it better.”

“You know the saying ‘good cop, bad cop?’ With us it’s more good cop, weird cop,” John Gallaher said. “I’m the weird cop.”

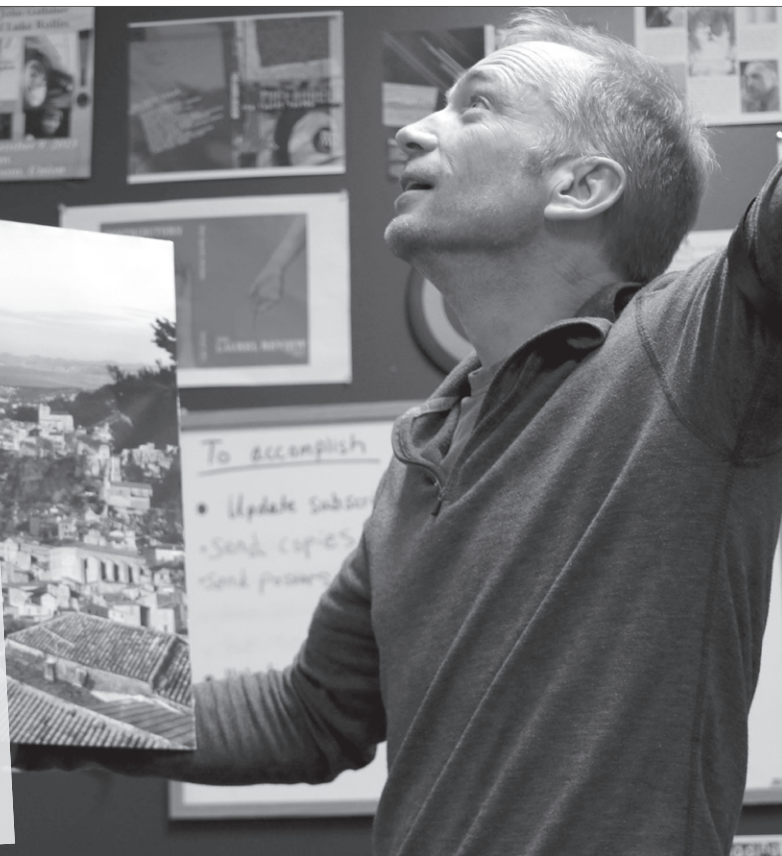
In the grand scheme of his career, John Gallaher has left an impact at the Green Tower Press, along with the lives of those who read his books and attend his class.

“Have you had a good life?” Good question,” John Gallaher wrote in “In a Landscape.” “In the grand scheme of things, we’re all fairly equal. We just travel in varying degrees of comfort. There is a rhythm to life, they say, much like the seasons.”

Much like his poetry and collage work, John Gallaher is full of many different layers, which only takes a different perspective to see the next layer.



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-”In a Landscape”



LEFT: “Spaceman 1” is another one of the collages John Gallaher has produced.

RIGHT: On top of being a professor, John Gallaher writes and edits books. As of 2014, he has published four books of poems.



# THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to get out and use your political voice

It is common for us to think if we do not vote or participate in an election or understand the government, then it is not our fault when pieces of legislation are passed that we do not agree with, but this thought process is inherently wrong.

In the most recent presidential election, over half of the country did not vote. The leader of the free world was chosen by less than 50 percent of Americans that were of legal age to vote. It just blows my mind that we have so many people in this country who do not care about what our leaders are deciding.

I was raised to question everything and never leave any stone unturned, and that mantra is still true to me today. Whenever there is an election coming up, I do my research and learn about the issues being considered on the ballot.

One out of 10 people think Judge Judy is a judge on the Supreme Court. People think Judge Judy, a television judge, sits on the highest court in the United States. When I learned this, I found it hilarious, but disappointing at the same time.

I want you to ask yourself

a question: do you know who your local representative to the state legislature is? What about your city council members or local officials? If you were able to answer any of these questions without using the internet, you are on your way to understanding civics. If you did look it up online, that is okay, but you need to remember that information for the next election.

The most important thing I can stress is to get involved and learn more about your government and elected representatives. When we do not get involved, it does not give us a chance to share our opinions on legislation, bond issues and official elections.

So, as we head into a primary election season, I give you this challenge: get engaged in civics. We are the generation that will be taking over soon by running this country, and we need to know what we are doing before it is our time in office.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*



SUBMITTED | ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA  
Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae Dr. Ann Rowlette (left) and Edwina Branski (right) take a look at historic Alpha Sigma Alpha pieces including trophies, a chant book, awards, charter and the sorority's first composite taken in 1928.

# Alpha Sigma Alpha event celebrates 90th anniversary

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Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA) held a massive event Saturday as a way to celebrate the sorority's 90th anniversary on campus.

Ninety years is quite a long time for any organization to exist, so the sisters made the most of the milestone by inviting both past and present members to join in on the festivities.

The event included four different speakers, videos of years past, a tour of Roberta and updates on where ASA plans to go in the future.

Though five women founded ASA in 1901, it has only had a Northwest presence since 1928.

Junior Carina Harding, ASA's vice president of alumni and heritage, said some of the almost 30 alum attendees had not been on campus for more than three decades. As a result, the atmosphere was one of a kind, and cemented in

her mind how important being an Alpha really is.

"Everyone was excited to see their sisters and how far they had all come," Harding said. "You know, I think everyone was just excited to be with their sister. They were smiling beyond belief while they were sharing their stories. It was like 'we're all in this together.'"

The last time ASA put on an event to commemorate a milestone was the sorority's 75th anniversary. Despite normally deciding only to have a celebration every 25 years, this year ASA chose to capitalize on the excitement of an approaching 100 years of Northwest blood.

For Harding, it is all about making the memories of sisterhood count.

"I wish we could do it every year, but we won't always have that great turnout," Harding said. "It needs to be symbolic, and it needs to be important. Ninety years is important, 95 years will be important

and 100 years will be just as important. These milestones are worth celebrating."

Harding said her favorite part of the 90-year feel of the semester was getting to stay in contact with the different alumna who made the journey back to Northwest. Seeing some past members reach out to give their praise of an event they feel was worth the trek was emotional for Harding.

For some, like Ashley Barber, Phi Phi chapter adviser and ASA alum, it can be hard to leave such a loving family. Barber stays close by working as the events coordinator at Mzingo Lake Recreation Park Conference Center, and said ASA is more than a family she found.

"My two older sisters and mother were both members of the Phi Phi Chapter, there is a deep connection and love for the organization," Barber said.

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Theatre Northwest put on its final major production of the year, "Footloose: The Musical," this past weekend in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

# 'Footloose' has every audience member losing Sunday shoes

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As the lights dimmed and the drumbeats to a familiar song began, the audience immediately quieted down in anticipation of Theatre Northwest's rendition of "Footloose - The Musical."

Based off the hit 1984 movie "Footloose" starring Kevin Bacon, this musical was directed by Joe Kreizinger and musical director Brian Lanier. Theatre Northwest students performed the musical in the Mary Linn Auditorium located in the Ron Houston Center April 5-7.

Elementary education major, double minor psychology and early childhood education student Meghan Cohen lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and is taking classes at the local branch. She drove up to Maryville to see her friends Allison Buckley, who played the loving mother Ethel McCormack, and Chelcea Riegel, who played

the lively Wendy Jo, perform in "Footloose - The Musical."

"I had really high expectations," Cohen said. "A, because it's Northwest and they just put on the most magical performances of any kind. I had a lot of friends who were talking it up, saying how amazing it was. So, when I came in, I was like, 'I expect this to be amazing,' and I wasn't disappointed. They're just all incredible. I'm so happy I came tonight."

While Cohen came for her friends, she also loved the other actor's performances.

"(I really liked) Willard Hewitt (and) the mama song," Cohen said. "I loved it. It was amazing, and honestly, I just think the acting really drew me in; seeing how excited they were on stage, and all of a sudden, I just felt so excited with them. I was like, 'you can do it, you go guys.' That one and the hero song that the girls sang. That one was wonderful. I was like 'you go girls.' You know what you want."

For junior organizational communication and Spanish major performer Elizabeth Geier, who played rebel Ariel Moore, there were many aspects to performing such a complex character.

"It was kind of tricky at times because Ariel has a lot of different personas," Geier said. "She might have more of a rebel side, but then she also has kind of the goody-good side in front of her dad, but then you get to see her true self when she's really with Ren... It was really cool, so it was kind of tricky to be able to bounce back from a bunch of different levels."

Geier performed in the musical "Legally Blonde" her freshman year as Brooke Wyndham. For "Footloose - The Musical," she had to work especially hard on memorizing her lines but felt more confident in her dancing and singing.

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# Spoofhounds sprint through history books

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This past week will go down in the record books for the Maryville track team.



March 29, the Spoofhounds took the track to compete at the Joe Shy Relays in Chillicothe. More than 11 schools made their way to the meet in hopes of returning with solid performances.

For Maryville, this is exactly what occurred. The boys team competed in more than 19 events, while tallying up a final score of 156.0, and coming home with a second-place finish overall. Regarding the girl's team, it only got better. The team tallied up a score of 119.5, while competing in 19 events and placed first.

"This win marked the first track meet won by the lady Spoofhounds in the last five years, and you could see the excitement and enthusiasm explode when the team scores were announced," coach Nathan Powell said. "Moving forward, we need to continue building on these early successes and improve our confidence across the board. The boys know what it is going to take to reach the level of success we had last season, and now our girls have gotten a taste of that success; now we need take that and run with it."



Jason Bagley hands the baton off to teammate Braiden Sells during the 4-X-200 meter relay at Maryville's Varsity Invitational meet hosted at Northwest Tuesday.

A few notable performances that came from the track were first place finishes in the 4-x-800-meter relay, 4-x-200-meter relay, 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run and 3,200-meter run. Caleb Fuerbacher claimed the 1,600 and 3,200-meter run victories and was also a contributing factor to the 4-x-800-meter run. Will Mattock sealed the

victory for the Spoofhounds in the 800-meter and Jordan Piveral, Jacob Davenport, Tylan Perry and Jason Bagley were all a part of the 4-x-200-meter relay team.

On the girls side, first place finishes were awarded in the high jump and the 800-meter run. But what sealed the deal for the girls was a high finish in almost all the differ-

ent categories of the meet. They finished second in the long jump, triple jump, 400-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 200-meter relay.

What really stood out though was Maryville's own Serena Sundell, who won the Bob Carter Memorial Gold Shoe award for the high point individual girl. This award is given in memory of Bob

NEXT GAME
<b>Warrior Relays @ Smithville</b> April 17 @ 4 p.m.

Carter, who was killed in a traffic accident in 2001, but was a sports editor for the Constitution Tribune for many years. This award was placed in his honor.

At the Joe Shy Relays, Sundell placed first in two solo events, had a noticeable second place finish in another and was part of the 4-x-400-meter relay team, finishing second.

A strong aspect that has been a key to the Spoofhounds' success throughout this season has been leadership and people that have stepped up to fill in when injury has occurred.

"When it comes to leadership, I think the track team has had an outstanding relationship between the younger and older athletes," Senior Reece Bickford said. "When it comes to the boys, all of the older distance runners help train the younger guys, while the same being in sprints. We try to teach the relay teams all the tips and tricks we have learned over the years to make them better as well."

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## Girls soccer in mid-season form

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Maryville soccer continued its winning ways in the first round of the Excelsior Springs tournament Monday. The Spoofhounds (5-1, 2-0 MEC) streaked to their fourth straight win, defeating Odessa by a score of 3-1.



The Spoofhounds fared well, playing their second consecutive game in frigid conditions, the last victory in a 4-2 win over Bishop LeBlond April 6. Regardless, Maryville has dominated opponents every step of the way over the course of its winning streak.

"It's great to get results from all the hard work we put in," sophomore Morgan Pettlon said. "It's fun to see the growth and improvement throughout the team."

The Spoofhounds have out-scored opponents 25-3 in their last four games, shutting the opposing team out twice over that stretch. Save for an uncharacteristic 9-0 loss at the hands of Grain Valley, Maryville has allowed just three goals all season, while scoring 29.

In part, the high-scoring offense is just a byproduct of a brand of soccer that coach Dale Reuter calls 'Maryville ball,' a system focused on smart passing and ball control. The focus on Reuter's game design has paid off in dividends for the Spoofhounds.

In the match against Odessa, Maryville struggled to execute the game plan at times in the first half, and entered the break tied at one.

"We started off kind of slow," Reuter said. "We weren't putting together any passes, kind of like what we've been doing all year long, not doing what we need to do on the field right away."

Starting slow has seemed to become a reoccurring theme for Maryville over the course of the season, often entering halftime tied or still within striking distance of its opponent. The second half tends to follow a starkly different script.

"After a while, we settled down," Reuter said in reference to



Senior Lydia Mitchell dribbles the ball past the midline, setting up a pass during the Spoofhounds' 4-2 victory against Bishop Leblond April 6.

the game against Odessa. "(During) halftime, we reorganized and went back at it. I was really pleased with the second half performance."

The Spoofhounds scored two unanswered goals in the second half, manufacturing close to a dozen shots on goal. While the difference in the score was only two, it easily could have been higher for Maryville, and should have been at least three.

In the final few seconds of the game, Pettlon took one final shot with the clock winding down. The ball soared from Pettlon's foot, near the 15-yard line, and found its way into the goal.

The final buzzer rang while the ball was in the air, but the referees ruled that the goal was null.

"I know the ref called it off, but that last shot by Morgan (Pettlon) was beautiful," Reuter said. "It was before the time (expired), and should go on the board, but

that's OK, those things go that way."

In some ways, the game represented on a smaller scale what Maryville hopes its season will shape up to be. After a slightly shaky start, going 1-1 in their first two games, the Spoofhounds have rebounded strongly, and will look to finish the season in a similar manner.

Pettlon said that the key to continued success for Maryville would lie in preparation.

"Staying focused and positive on and off the field (is important)," Pettlon said. "Trying to improve and reduce errors, controlling the ball in the game; just playing Maryville soccer."

NEXT GAME
<b>Hannibal Soccer Tournament</b> April 13-14

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### NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS  
OVERALL MIAA

Washburn.....	27-8	11-1
Central Missouri.....	22-16	11-3
Central Oklahoma.....	23-14	12-4
NORTHWEST.....	19-11	10-4
Northeastern State.....	22-15	10-4
Missouri Western.....	17-22	8-6
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-21	8-8
Pittsburg State.....	16-25	6-6
Missouri Southern.....	19-21	6-8
Emporia State.....	14-24	5-9
Lindenwood.....	16-18	5-11
Fort Hays State.....	9-29	5-11
Southwest Baptist.....	13-22	3-9
Lincoln.....	5-29	0-16

### NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS  
OVERALL MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	25-10	17-4
Central Missouri.....	24-7	15-5
NORTHWEST.....	17-14	12-5
Pittsburg State.....	21-11	13-7
Missouri Western.....	17-13	10-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	17-14	10-7
Emporia State.....	17-13	8-9
Northeastern State.....	17-13	8-9
Missouri Southern.....	19-13	7-11
Lindenwood.....	14-16	7-12
Southwest Baptist.....	12-19	6-13
Fort Hays State.....	12-21	4-16
Washburn.....	10-21	4-16

### NW MEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS  
OVERALL MIAA

Southwest Baptist.....	14-2	4-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	13-3	3-0
Emporia State.....	10-4	1-2
Washburn.....	7-4	1-2
NORTHWEST.....	7-8	0-3
Lindenwood.....	6-6	0-2

### NW WOMEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS  
OVERALL MIAA

Northeastern State.....	12-4	6-0
Central Oklahoma.....	13-2	6-1
Southwest Baptist.....	10-3	4-2
NORTHWEST.....	8-9	3-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-4	2-2
Fort Hays State.....	6-7	1-5
Missouri Western.....	10-6	2-2
Lindenwood.....	2-7	1-2
Emporia State.....	1-8	0-5



# Tennis narrowly captures MIAA tournament berth

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After tough losses to a No. 11 ranked Southwest Baptist squad, the Northwest men and women's tennis teams got right back on track with wins this week.



The men cruised to a 9-0 match win over Lindenwood during the weekend, and captured a huge conference win Tuesday against Emporia State to lock a spot in the upcoming MIAA Tournament.

The women, whose match with Lindenwood was postponed, got back in the win column after three-straight losses to Southwest Baptist, Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State, defeating Emporia State 7-2.

In what has been an up and down season for both squads, getting back on the winning track is huge as the season comes down to the wire. The win against Lindenwood was vital for the men, ac-

cording to junior Rahul Manoah. "It was a conference game; it was very important for us to keep our season going, and the boys were very mentally prepared for the challenge," Manoah said. "If we had lost that, it was all over."

Manoah was also pleased with the contribution from everyone on the team during the Lindenwood match, in which the team did not sacrifice a single point.

"Everybody contributed, and the scores say we didn't lose a match; we won all three doubles and all six singles," Manoah said.

The Lindenwood win was particularly sweet for the Bearcats due to the fact that it was an indoor win, with the team being more of an outdoor team, with little indoor experience. According to sophomore Jorge Serrano, it was a huge boost to perform well indoors.

"We got a really good start in the doubles, and it got us three points," Serrano said. "It is especially tough when you play indoors since there has been bad

weather, and we're an outdoor team. It was one of those days where things come along and start to go well, and I am happy and excited for the next match."

Going forward, both the Bearcat men and women will play their final two matches at home against Oklahoma Baptist and Southeastern Oklahoma State at Frank Grube Courts to round out the regular season before heading to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the MIAA Tournament.

"As the season goes and goes, everybody is playing well, I am playing well, those guys are playing well, so everybody is improving and there is a lot of great things ahead of us," Serrano said.

NEXT GAMES
<b>Northwest vs Oklahoma Baptist</b> April 13 @ 11 a.m.
<b>Northwest vs Southeastern Oklahoma</b> April 14 @ 11 a.m.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Northwest senior Youssef Sherif returns an awkward forehand shot Feb. 27.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Junior Peyton Freuh lines up a putt March 22 at Lake Mozingo. Maryville boys golf claimed a fourth place finish at the Shenandoah Tournament April 10.

# Maryville boys golf back on course

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Only having played half of its scheduled matches, Maryville boys golf have had a rough time getting on the golf course.



Recent struggles of getting a round in with course conditions have coach Brenda Ricks wondering what to do with her team.

"We've had a scavenger hunt; we've talked about rules," Ricks said. "We're just trying to do some team building things. It's crazy. This is the worst spring I've had since I've been coaching."

Ricks split the team up in groups they would not normally be with, and gave them a picture scavenger hunt. Even though the Spoofhounds have only hit the course competitively twice, junior Brenden Ware said it gave him a chance to get to know more of the team he wouldn't have gotten to play with.

"No matter how crappy the days are, I try to get out and play no matter what," Ware said. "You have to do what you have to do to

get better. That's the most important thing: practice."

With the weather being how it is, it's been an interesting spring for Maryville, to say the least. From having a young team and complicating circumstances with weather, Ricks said staying focused has been tricky.

"We just have a lot of distractions, and a lot of things just not falling together," Ricks said. "Hopefully, this will be the turnaround."

Not being able to get on the course allowed sophomore Trent Shell to watch the pros at the Masters Tournament. Shell said he watched how the pros do it, and compared his swing to theirs.

"I'll take videos of my swing," Shell said. "I'll compare it to the big golfers, like Tiger and Rory, and see what I can do to make it better."

Shell and his fellow golfers will have to dissect their swings quick. The Spoofhounds collected a fourth place finish at the Shenandoah Tournament April 10 with a team score of 359. Junior Matthew Madden placed 14th in the tournament with a score of 85.

The Spoofhounds only have

NEXT GAME
<b>Maryville vs Bishop LeBlond</b> Mozingo Lake Golf Course April 12 @ 4 p.m.

one 18-hole round under the belt with the MEC Tournament quickly approaching. Ricks explains her team just needs to stay relaxed and play stress free.

"I just want them to have fun," Ricks said. "LeBlond is our toughest (competition) and they are in our conference. I was hoping we could go ahead and hang on the conference title because it's on our home course, but we have to play really good and they have to play not as well."

Maryville will host the MEC Tournament at Mozingo Lake Golf Course April 16. Ware explained even though the schedule may not have laid out as the team have wanted, attitude is key.

"The main thing is to always stay positive," Ware said. "You can never get down on yourself because golf is a mental game. No matter what your skill level is, you have to stay positive."

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# Track and field thrives at home, glances at Wichita State

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Three NCAA Division II provisional marks and nine first place finishes for Northwest highlighted the MIAA vs NSIC Showdown April 5 at Bearcat Stadium.

The Bearcats dominated the women’s side of the meet with 170.5, claiming first place by 55 points over Sioux Falls. The men’s team finished in third place with 95.5 points, only five points behind second place Sioux Falls.

Following the meet, coach Scott Lorek met with the team and applauded all of the personal records for the day. The team’s balanced performance was no surprise to Lorek, who said this type of day was only a matter of timing.

“I think we were ready for that kind of a day,” Lorek said. “I thought we’d have that kind of list, in terms of personal records, when we got a meet that, weather wise, cooperated.”

Three Bearcats put their name in the national qualifying pool, juniors Kevin Schultz and Audrey Wichmann in the high jump and sophomore Jordan Hammond in the 400-meter hurdles. All three won their events on their way to the provisional marks.

Schultz cleared 6-10 3/4 and was the only jumper to clear 6-5. Wichmann had a closer competition clearing 5-7 and beating second place by just two inches. Hammond sailed through 400-meter hurdles in a time of 59:72, the second-place finisher clocked a 1:02.13.

The Bearcats nearly had a fourth provisional qualifier when freshman Mercedes Isaacson-Cover jumped a 38-8 to win the triple jump. Cover’s jump was less than an inch away from the provisional mark and her goal of nationals.

“I was only a couple of centimeters away, so hopefully, next meet I can stretch a little further,” Cover said. “My goal for the year is to hit at least 12 meters (39-4) and make it to the nationals.”

Other highlights for the Bearcats included sophomore Chemutai Nereo winning the women’s 5000-meter race, crossing the line at 18:24.89. Junior Dustin Ellis took the 110-meter hurdles, running a 14.92. Both the men’s and women’s 4-x-400-meter relay teams took the gold in their races.

The men’s team finished with a time of 3:19.04, while the women’s team ran a 3:51.52.

Getting back into the training groove after a shake up in their schedule will help the Bearcats in improving. With the MIAA vs NSIC meet on a Thursday, the training schedule was shifted to account for the short week.

“It will be nice the next couple weeks just being able to break up some of the workouts, and let people be able to recover during the week,” assistant coach Emily Peterson.

The Bearcats’ schedule changes this week from the University of Nebraska-Kearney to Wichita State provided the multi-event athletes with a meet before the conference championships.



FILE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Josef Altmann returns a forehand shot during the Northwest Invitational September 15. He has won five of his last six singles matches.

# Northwest netter inserted as top Cat

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From No. 4 to No.1, a senior is learning what it means to become an ace on and off the tennis court.



Josef Altmann, a four-year competitor for the Bearcats, took the role of No.1 before the season, and now is reaping the rewards.

Altmann has held a key part in Northwest’s season, as he has accumulated a singles record of 9-8 and a doubles record of 9-8. In his latest match against Lindenwood, Altmann went 2-0 with a singles win (6-3, 6-2), as well as a doubles victory with partner Agustin Velasco (8-6).

But before the Bearcats ace was facing off against MIAA opponents, he was a fierce competitor within his own respective country, Costa Rica. There, he competed in national tournaments and international junior tournaments.

“He’s our No. 1 player, our co-captain and our No. 2 doubles player, so his impact is felt on the court for sure.”

-Michael Farlow, team manager

For Altmann, tennis wasn’t a love at first sight, as he started his run with the game at five years old before he quit playing for a extended amount of time.

“I started playing at five, but I played for a year and didn’t like it really, then I turned to soccer,” Altmann said. “Then when I was nine, I started playing again, and there I really stayed with it, dedicated every day since I was 12 to practice.”

A dream of Altmann’s was to be able to come to America and compete at the collegiate level. With a little help from his coach in Costa Rica, who happened to

be a Northwest tennis alumnus, he was able to come in contact with coach Mark Rosewell and eventually land a spot on the team.

Now four years later, he is living the dream and competing with the best of Division II.

Throughout his career, his impact has been felt as he holds three All-MIAA honors and is nationally ranked. As well with his talent and work ethic, Altmann solidified his spot as the team captain, and with that blossomed his ability to lead.

“He’s our No.1 player, our co-captain and our No. 2 doubles player, so his impact is felt on the

court for sure,” team manager Michael Farlow said. “When he’s on the court, even if he’s losing a match, he’s still cheering really loud, cheering his teammates on, still being vocal and being a leader and bringing good energy to the team.”

As the season progresses, Altmann knows he has to constantly adapt to his new role, and one of the biggest aspects of that is a new mental edge.

“I think the part that has improved the most is mentally,” Altmann said. “It’s a lot of pressure being number one. You know that if you don’t play good at all times, you’re going to lose, so learning to stay focused throughout the match is something different.”

To match his adapted mentality, he knows that practice is one of the most important parts of being the ace. Any time that Altmann is available, you’ll see him out on the tennis courts, whether it is early in the morning, late at night, cold or hot, he’ll be there training.

# Baseball leans on four-year athletes

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As Northwest baseball holds the No.3 spot in the MIAA, the seniors’ four-year plan for success is paying off tenfold.



From a rallying cry to energetic attitudes, the seniors generate an atmosphere that promotes teamwork as the greatest leadership tool.

Fresh off of a crucial series victory against Central Missouri, there seems to be no time to celebrate as the Bearcats are set to compete in three games in a 24-hour span.

During this grueling period of grinding out the rain, catching up with delayed games and pushing through scheduled games, Northwest has to rely on its senior energy to compete.

“You know, I think we have a lot of energy guys on the team, and I think we have a group of guys that really take care of themselves,” coach Darin Loe said. “They hang out with each other, they watch out for each other and they kinda hold each other accountable.”

Competition is now at its peak level, as the Bearcats are in do-or-die mode for their preseason goal of winning the MIAA. But for the baseball players, the idea of standings and statistics are blocked out of their minds, as they attempt to win one game at a time.



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior catcher Hudson Bilodeau has a .369 batting average through 117 at-bats this season.

NEXT GAME
<b>Northwest vs Pittsburg State</b> April 13-15, 3p.m., 2 p.m., 1 p.m.

“I didn’t even know that we were third in conference right now; I couldn’t tell you our record or stats,” senior Hudson Bilodeau said. “None of those numbers really mean anything to me,

and I know they don’t mean anything to our guys, it’s all about that next game.”

As this season has progressed, many leaders have cycled through the program with a new one appearing every single game. This would not be possible though without the culture influence of the four-year veterans on the squad.

“The senior class really is so good, because we have so many four-year guys,” Loe said. “When

we needed to bring in transfers, they really embraced those guys and brought them into our culture.”

When the time comes for a big hit in a clutch situation, or the team needs that rallying voice. There is no one go to player on the Bearcats, as the members of the team rely on each other. For Northwest leadership is only as valuable as the teamwork they have on a day to day basis.

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